(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

Freezing of Dearness Allowance to State Government employees

2445. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have asked the State Government to freeze the rates of Dearness Allowance to the State Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Corrupt practices in cooperative banks

2446. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cooperative banks have been found to be indulging in corrupt practices during the last one year;

(b) if so, the number of cooperative banks involved;

(c) whether enquiries have been held in this regard and persons guilty have been punished; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check recurrences of frauds etc. in the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it would not be in order to say that a